

What is claimed is:

1. An image processing method for carrying out image processing on an image including a figure, the image processing method comprising the steps of:

5 extracting a face area of the figure from the image; and
adjusting density and/or color of the face area based on density information and/or color information of an area surrounding the face area.

2. An image processing apparatus for carrying out image processing on an image including a figure, the image processing apparatus comprising:

face area extracting means for extracting a face area of the figure from the image; and

adjusting means for adjusting density and/or color of the face area, based on density information and/or color information of an area surrounding the face area.

3. A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to cause a computer to execute a method of carrying out image processing on an image including a figure, the program comprising the procedures of:

20 extracting a face area of the figure from the image; and
adjusting density and/or color of the face area based on density information and/or color information of an area surrounding the face area.